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For these reasons, no textbook on metallurgical furnaces had been written up to the present. Existing books, illustrating various trends in the field of the theory of furnaces, naturally did not satisfy educational purposes. In the process of their work, the authors of Metallurgical Furnaces came to the conclusion that it would be necessary to revise the methods of constructing the course and to rework a number of subjects previously treated on the basis of inferior or dubious data.

This textbook was based on the data of Soviet science and the advanced practice of Soviet plants, and on the results obtained at planning organizations. The authors attempt to present the information in the most condensed form possible. This is not fully accomplished in all cases. However, the textbook is a good substitute for the several books previously used by students over a period covering three semesters.

In conformity with the program, this book does not include any information on the electric furnaces of ferrous metallurgy or any data on automatic control, since these subjects are studied in separate courses. Also, data on laboratory practice are not included in the book because an appropriate manual is proposed for publication.

The appendix contains certain reference data essential in studying the course and required for the solution of examples given in the book.

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